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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A tape dispenser/applicator device comprising:

a housing member having side walls and open top and bottom ends;

a tape cartridge being removably disposed in said housing member and being adapted to store a stack of strips of adhesive tape therein;

a plunger assembly being removably mounted to said housing member and being adapted to dispense the strips of adhesive tape from said tape cartridge and to apply the strips of adhesive tape selectively; and

a holder member being removably mounted upon said bottom end of said housing member;

wherein said housing member also has top and bottom rims being disposed at said open top end and said open bottom end, said top and bottom rims being disposed inwardly of said open top and bottom ends, said top rim further having holes disposed therethrough;

wherein said tape cartridge is a container having side and end walls and also having open top and bottom ends and further having a beveled stop member being disposed at said bottom end, said beveled stop member being removably disposed upon said bottom rim of said housing member and being adapted to allow the strips of adhesive tape to be dispensed one at a time through said open bottom end of said tape cartridge; and

wherein said plunger assembly includes a plunger member being engagable with the strips of adhesive tape in said tape cartridge; and also includes an elongate plunger support member having a bottom end securely attached to said plunger member; and further includes a drive member being attached to a top end of said elongate plunger support member; and also includes elongate drive support members being securely attached to said

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drive member; and further includes spring support members being mounted about said elongate drive support members; and also includes spring members being mounted about said elongate drive support members for biasing said drive member outwardly relative to said housing member.

2. through 4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A tape dispenser/applicator device as described in claim [[[4]]] 1, wherein said plunger member is pressable upon said stack of said strips of adhesive tape in said tape cartridge.

6. (Currently Amended) A tape dispenser/applicator device as described in claim [[[4]]] 1, wherein said drive member has a top wall, and also has side and end walls which are movably disposed about said housing member.

7. (Currently Amended) A tape dispenser/applicator device as described in claim [[[4]]] 1, wherein said elongate drive support members are movably disposed through said holes in said top rim of said housing member and are securely attached to an underside of said top wall.

8. (Original) A tape dispenser/applicator device as described in claim 5, wherein said spring support members are washer-like members which are disposed about said elongate drive members and which are disposed upon said top rim of said housing member, said spring members being disposed between said top wall of said drive member and said spring support members.

9. (Original) A tape dispenser/applicator device as described in claim 1, wherein said holder member includes a planar base portion being adapted to rest upon a surface, and also includes an upper portion having a wall structure being disposed along and attached to a perimeter of said

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planar base portion and being adapted to receive said bottom end of said housing member therebetween.

10. (Original) A tape dispenser/applicator device comprising:

a housing member having side walls and open top and bottom ends, said housing member also having top and bottom rims being disposed at said open top end and said open bottom end, said top and bottom rims being disposed inwardly of said open top and bottom ends, said top rim further having holes disposed therethrough, said housing member having a length of approximately 5 to 6 inches, a width of approximately 3 inches, and a depth of approximately 2 inches;

a tape cartridge being removably disposed in said housing member and being adapted to store a stack of strips of adhesive tape therein, said tape cartridge including a container having side and end walls and also having open top and bottom ends and further having a beveled stop member being disposed at said bottom end, said beveled stop member being removably disposed upon said bottom rim of said housing member and being adapted to allow the strips of adhesive tape to be dispensed one at a time through said open bottom end of said tape cartridge;

a plunger assembly being removably mounted to said housing member and being adapted to dispense the strips of adhesive tape from said tape cartridge and to apply the strips of adhesive tape selectively, said plunger assembly including a plunger member being engagable with the strips of adhesive tape in said tape cartridge, and also including an elongate plunger support member having a bottom end securely attached to said plunger member, and further including a drive member being attached to a top end of said elongate plunger support member, and also including elongate drive support members being securely attached to said drive member, and further including spring support members being mounted about said elongate drive support members, and also including spring members being mounted about said elongate drive support members for biasing said drive member

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outwardly relative to said housing member, said plunger member being pressable upon said stack of said strips of adhesive tape in said tape cartridge, said drive member having a top wall, and also having side and end walls which are movably disposed about said housing member, said elongate drive support members being movably disposed through said holes in said top rim of said housing member and being securely attached to an underside of said top wall, said spring support members being washer-like members which are disposed about said elongate drive members and which are disposed upon said top rim of said housing member, said spring members being disposed between said top wall of said drive member and said spring support members; and

a holder member being removably mounted upon said bottom end of said housing member, said holder member including a planar base portion being adapted to rest upon a surface, and also including an upper portion having a wall structure being disposed along and attached to a perimeter of said planar base portion and being adapted to receive said bottom end of said housing member therebetween.

11. (New) A tape dispenser/applicator device comprising:

a housing member having side walls and open top and bottom ends;

a tape cartridge being removably disposed in said housing member, a stack of strips of adhesive tape being positioned therein;

a plunger assembly being removably mounted to said housing member and being adapted to dispense the strips of adhesive tape from said tape cartridge and to apply the strips of adhesive tape selectively; and

a holder member being removably mounted upon said bottom end of said housing member;

wherein said tape cartridge forms a container having side and end walls and also having open top and bottom ends, said container having a beveled stop member being disposed at said bottom end to make said open bottom end smaller than a perimeter of each strip of said strips of adhesive

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tape such that movement of said strips through said open bottom end requires said plunger assembly to push on said stack of strips of adhesive tape.

12. (New) A tape dispenser/applicator device as described in claim 11, wherein said beveled stop member is removably disposed upon a bottom rim of said housing member.

13. (New) A tape dispenser/applicator device as described in claim 11, wherein said plunger assembly includes:

a plunger member being engagable with the strips of adhesive tape in said tape cartridge;

an elongate plunger support member having a bottom end mounted on said plunger member; and

a drive member being attached to a top end of said elongate plunger support member.

14. (New) A tape dispenser/applicator device as described in claim 13, wherein said plunger assembly further includes:

elongate drive support members being securely attached to said drive member;

spring support members being mounted about said elongate drive support members; and

spring members being mounted about said elongate drive support members for biasing said drive member outwardly relative to said housing member.

15. (New) A tape dispenser/applicator device as described in claim 11, wherein said housing member also has top and bottom rims being disposed at said open top end and said open bottom end, said top and bottom rims being disposed inwardly of said open top and bottom ends, said top rim further having holes disposed therethrough.

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16. (New) A tape dispenser/applicator device as described in claim 13, wherein said plunger member is pressable upon said stack of said strips of adhesive tape in said tape cartridge.

17. (New) A tape dispenser/applicator device as described in claim 13, wherein said drive member has a top wall, and also has side and end walls which are movably disposed about said housing member.

18. (New) A tape dispenser/applicator device as described in claim 14, wherein said elongate drive support members are movably disposed through said holes in said top rim of said housing member and are attached to an underside of said top wall.

19. (New) A tape dispenser/applicator device as described in claim 14, wherein said spring support members are washer-like members which are disposed about said elongate drive members and which are disposed upon said top rim of said housing member, said spring members being disposed between said top wall of said drive member and said spring support members.

20. (New) A tape dispenser/applicator device as described in claim 11, wherein said holder member includes a planar base portion being adapted to rest upon a surface, and also includes an upper portion having a wall structure being disposed along and attached to a perimeter of said planar base portion and being adapted to receive said bottom end of said housing member therebetween.

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